

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 7032 – SB 7091

August 21, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires health benefit plans, including those offered by the Division of TennCare, to provide mental health services and treatment to the same extent that health benefit plans provide coverage for the treatment of alcoholism and drug dependence. Takes effect October 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) can comply with the requirements of the proposed legislation utilizing existing resources, without a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Based on information provided by the DCI, both substance abuse services and mental health services are covered with no limits or exclusions under the Tennessee essential health benefit benchmark plan for qualified health plans.
- The proposed legislation will have no impact on the State Group Insurance Plan.
- According to information provided by the Division of TennCare, the medical necessity criteria used by TennCare applies uniformly to mental health and substance use disorder treatment services.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- No impact to commerce or jobs in this state.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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